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MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 53.

REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Official Office Action entered in the above identified patent application and mailed on December 21, 2001. Claims 1-24, 49, 51-70, 93-106, and 121-125 are pending in the application. Of the pending claims, claims 1-24, 51-70, 93-106, 121-125 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6311,195 B1, claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,175,857, and claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,097. Claims 99, 116 and 123 were objected to as being narrative, vague,